UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/48/23 (Part V)
2 August 1993

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-eighth session
Item 18 of the provisional agenda*

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES**

(covering its work during 1993)

Rapporteur: Mr. Farouk AL-ATTAR (Syrian Arab Republic)

CHAPTER IX

EAST TIMOR, GIBRALTAR, WESTERN SAHARA

CONTENTS

		Paragraphs	Page
A.	INTRODUCTION	1 - 4	2
B.	CONSIDERATION BY AND DECISIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE	5 - 22	2
	1. East Timor	5 - 13	2
	2. Gibraltar	14 - 18	4
	3. Western Sahara	19 - 22	5

* A/48/150.

** This document contains chapter IX of the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly. The general introductory chapter will be issued under the symbol A/48/23 (Part I). Other chapters of the report will be issued under the symbol A/48/23 (Parts II-IV and VI-VIII). The complete report will be issued subsequently as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/48/23).

A. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1412th meeting, on 10 February 1993, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1794), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the questions of East Timor, Gibraltar and Western Sahara as separate items and to consider them at its plenary meetings.

2. The present chapter contains an account of the consideration by the Special Committee of the above-mentioned Territories (sect. B).

3. In its consideration of the questions, the Special Committee took into account General Assembly resolution 47/25 of 25 November 1992 and decisions 47/402 of 18 September 1992 and 47/411 of 25 November 1992 related to the questions, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions.

4. In its capacity as the administering Power concerned and in accordance with established procedures, the delegation of Portugal participated in the work of the Special Committee in relation to East Timor.

B. CONSIDERATION BY AND DECISIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

1. East Timor

5. The Special Committee considered the question of East Timor at its 1418th to 1420th meetings, on 13 and 14 July 1993.

6. During its consideration of the question, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/1154), as well as a communication received from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/1167).

7. At the 1418th meeting, on 13 July, the Chairman informed the Special Committee that the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe, on behalf of the delegations of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique, had expressed the wish to participate in the Committee's consideration of the item. The Committee decided to accede to the request.

8. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Tunisia and Trinidad and Tobago (A/AC.109/PV.1418), the Special Committee granted the requests for hearing from the following petitioners and heard their statements at the meetings indicated below:

Petitioners	Meetings
Mr. José Amorim Dias, on behalf of The National Council of Maubere Resistance	1418th
Mr. Dan Heap, Member of Parliament (Canada), Parliamentarians for East Timor	1418th
Mr. Charles A. Scheiner, East Timor Action Network (United States of America)	1418th
Ms. Carmel Budiardjo, Indonesia Human Rights Campaign (TAPOL)	1418th
Mr. John M. Miller, on behalf of Agir pour Timor	1418th
Mr. Curt Georing, on behalf of Amnesty International	1418th
Ms. Claudia D'Andrea, on behalf of Asia Watch	1419th
Mr. Richard Koch, on behalf of Komitee Indonesie	1419th
Mr. Roger S. Clark, International League for Human Rights	1419th
Mr. Pedro Pinto Leite, International Platform of Jurists for East Timor	1419th
Ms. Sharon Scharfe, East Timor Alert Network (Canada)	1419th
Ms. Ana Correia da Silva, on behalf of Comissão para os Direitos do Povo Maubere	1419th
Mr. José Luis Guterres, Frente Revolucionaria de Timor-Leste Independente (FRETILIN)	1419th
Mr. Thomas S. Mahedy, Pax Christi International	1419th
Mr. Miguel Urbano Tavares Rodrigues, Member of Parliament, Communist Party of Portugal	1419th
Mr. Adriano José Alves Moreira, Member of Parliament, Centro Democrático Social Party of Portugal	1419th
Mr. Luis Manuel Costa Geraldes, Member of Parliament, Social Democratic Party of Portugal	1419th
Mr. Antonio de Almeida Santos, Member of Parliament, Socialist Party of Portugal	1419th
Ms. Carmel Budiardjo, on behalf of the British Coalition for East Timor	1419th
Mr. Kan Akatani, Free East Timor Japan Coalition and Japanese Catholic Council for Justice and Peace	1419th
Mr. Mark Salzer, on behalf of the Catholic Institute for International Relations	1419th

9. At the 1418th meeting, Mr. Heap replied to questions put to him by the representatives of India and Tunisia. Mr. Scheiner replied to questions put to him by the representative of India (A/AC.109/PV.1418). At the 1419th meeting, Mr. Akatani replied to questions put to him by the representative of Tunisia (A/AC.109/PV.1419).

10. At the 1418th meeting, the representative of Tunisia made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1418).

11. At the 1419th meeting, also on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, as the administering Power, and Tunisia, as well as by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1419).

12. At the 1420th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Portugal, as the administering Power, and Indonesia (A/AC.109/PV.1420).

Decision of the Special Committee

13. At its 1420th meeting, on 14 July 1993, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Special Committee decided, without objection, to continue consideration of the question at its next session, subject to any directives that the General Assembly might give in that connection at its forty-eighth session.

2. Gibraltar

14. The Special Committee considered the question of Gibraltar at its 1421st meeting, on 14 July 1993.

15. During its consideration of the question, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/1164).

16. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Special Committee that the delegation of Spain had expressed the wish to participate in the Committee's consideration of the question. The Committee decided to accede to the request.

17. At the same meeting, with the Committee's consent, the Honourable Joe Bossano, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement and replied to questions put to him by the representatives of Mali and India (A/AC.109/PV.1421). The representative of Spain made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1421).

Decision of the Special Committee

18. At its 1421st meeting, on 14 July 1993, the Special Committee decided, without objection, to continue its consideration of the question at its next session, subject to any directives that the General Assembly might give in that connection at its forty-eighth session and, in order to facilitate consideration of the question by the Fourth Committee, to transmit the relevant documentation to the Assembly.

3. Western Sahara

19. The Special Committee considered the question of Western Sahara at its 1420th and 1421st meetings, on 14 July 1993.

20. During its consideration of the question, the Special Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat containing information on developments concerning the Territory (A/AC.109/1163).

21. At its 1420th meeting, on 14 July, the Special Committee granted a request for hearing to Mr. Boukhari Ahmed of the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO). Mr. Ahmed made a statement at the 1421st meeting and replied to questions put to him by the representative of Mali (A/AC.109/PV.1421). The representative of India made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1421).

Decision of the Special Committee

22. At its 1421st meeting, on 14 July 1993, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Special Committee decided, without objection, subject to any directives, that the General Assembly might give in that connection at its forty-eighth session and, in order to facilitate consideration of the question by the Fourth Committee, to transmit the relevant documentation to the Assembly.